



Dates to Remember

- Worship Services:
Sunday Mornings
at 8:30 and 10:45
April 7, 14, 21, 28
- Gun Violence -
Gospel Values
classes begin 4/7 at 6pm
- Youth Group
4/12 Meeting
4/26 Sleep Out
- Midnight Run 4/19
- Sermon for Lunch, 4/21

The Disciple

You Are Invited

If you are reading this, you are invited. Our Youth Design Team (David Monk, Alice Chin, Jack Shaughnessy, Kelly Humphrey, Karen LaBonte, Chip Low) invites you, *EVERYONE in our church family* (youth, parents, grandparents, members, friends, visitors, you), to participate in a conversation (with pizza) Sunday, April 7 from 6-8 pm to help answer two important questions.

- How do we connect with and engage our youth, especially after confirmation?
- How does our church need to grow and change in order to build a sustainable youth ministry?

We want to reflect on our own faith journeys individually and as a church family as we look at developing a sustainable program that enables the church to embrace and be embraced by our youth.

This is the next step in the plan we discussed last fall under the theme Living Our Vision. Your generosity and faithful giving made it possible to add pastoral staff to broaden leadership to our commissions, to our members and to our programs. The other piece of our 2013 vision and plan was to develop ways to engage youth and young adults through current and expanded church activities and to plan for a sustainable youth ministry. Part of that work is already underway thanks to Kelly Humphrey's work on monthly activities. The other part involves a vision that we develop together, and that needs all of us to set the course of our ministry together.

The Youth Design Team has been reading and discussing the book *Sustainable Youth Ministry: Why Most Youth Ministry Doesn't Last and What You Can Do About It* by Presbyterian pastor Mark DeVries. We've

used it as a guide to discern faithful ways forward as well as ways to engage the entire church in the work of youth ministry. One quote in particular sums up for me the attitude of ministry with youth, children, adults, the Nones, whomever. Mark DeVries writes,

"With so many extraordinary resources available, churches really don't need more ideas, more passion, more zeal, more energy, more enthusiasm.

What they need is the ability to take what they already have and turn it into something that works...Here's the irony: Sustainable youth ministries fail all the time; they thrive in a culture of experimentation, innovation and creativity. It is floundering youth ministries that often remain paralyzed, unable to risk, stuck in a nostalgic obsession with past success."

Sustainable youth ministry, like all ministry, is comfortable with failure because it is always trying new ways to connect with people and nurture people as disciples of Jesus Christ. The program doesn't matter. Our vision of discipleship does. I hope you will help us develop this important piece of our ministry to continue our baptismal call to people at all ages of life.

One other invitation: the study group on Gun Violence and Gospel Values meets on Sunday, April 7 as well. This is a great opportunity to study what Presbyterians have written about at the national level to help us make informed

and faithful decisions on an important issue, and quite frankly, one that is connected to youth ministry

too. In Gun Violence, Gospel Values, we will not support rhetoric or positions so much as work to understand and dialogue with one another and members of other churches in our presbytery through online video conferencing on this important issue. I hope you will join this conversation to help us find ways to shape community (one of the practices still to come) in healthy and whole ways.

Thank You for a wonderful celebration of Holy Week and Easter! Thank you for the flowers. Thank you to our choir, bell choirs, instrumentalists, worship leaders and designers for sharing your faith in our church, especially for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise and Worship services. All of you and all of us together in these worshiping opportunities spoke the good news that I hope will ring out in our youth ministry and all of our ministry: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!



Rev. Chip Low
Pastor

Chip

“They left their fears behind and went boldly out into the world...”

Women’s Circle Bible Study meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30. The study is led by Rev. Tami Seidel. All are welcome! Contact Marianna Sherman (737-8294) if you have questions.



Church School “Chalkboard”

In April we will be focusing on learning about Pentecost. Pentecost is the story of the birth of the church. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter and is a continuation of the Easter story. At the tomb and during the resurrection appearance, Jesus instructs his disciples to go out and share the Good News of God’s love for all people. Prior to Pentecost the disciples were a relatively small group. They were all people who had a personal relationship with Jesus. They had been involved with his ministry, shared the Last Supper with him, and witnessed the crucifixion and the resurrection.

On this fateful day, the disciples were gathered together in Jerusalem as Jesus had instructed them. They were waiting for something to happen, but they weren’t quite sure what that might be. All of a sudden the morning air changed in

the room, there was a sound like a mighty wind and there were flames as of a fire on the heads of the disciples. They were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and world changed. The Holy Spirit empowered the disciples in a radical and exciting way. They left their fears behind and went boldly out into the world as the first true Christians. They began to speak in other languages as they shared Jesus’ story. The message of Pentecost is simple – hear the news of God, repent, and be baptized. The people of Jerusalem heard the message and many were baptized that day. The church had begun.

The story of God’s power and salvation is continually being translated into different languages. We continue to share the love of Christ in communities of faith around the world and across generations.

God’s love for us continues to empower and inspire people of faith. “Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave the ability.” (Acts 2: 3-4)

Upcoming Dates to Note: Sunday, May 12th will be our Mother’s Day Group Event. A family activity will take place in the Fellowship Hall; all are welcome to attend with their children. There will be no church school; however, the 3rd and 4th grade Bible Skills class will still meet as scheduled in Room 16. In closing, we are still actively seeking to fill positions for the 2013-2014 Church School Year. We hope that you’ll carefully consider sharing your faith and talents with our children by volunteering to serve on our staff!

*Beth Coccodrilli and Jocelyn Fontana
Church School Co-Superintendents*

Gun Violence, Gospel Values - Join the Conversation

What do we believe? What can we do? After Newtown, many were challenged to think more deeply and to take action on issues surrounding gun violence in our society. Come and join in a small-group discernment process and a presbytery-wide conversation that is both Biblically based and theologically grounded.

We will meet 5 Sunday evenings (April 7&21, May 5&19, June 9) to study “Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to

God’s Call,” a report approved by the 2010 PC(USA) General Assembly. We will also join with other churches in the same process to explore how we might partner in the Presbytery to address gun violence. All are welcome – youth to adult, members and friends from the community, diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Please contact Tami Seidel (tami@fpcyorktown.org) if you would like to participate.

Practicing Our Faith continues - Easter Season Study

We continue our exploration of time-tested practices that nurture the Christian way of life. What does our Christian faith have to do with our work, with friendship and family life and with public and political life? Join us for conversation about Christian practices that nurture a life of integrity in these tumultuous times. *Hospitality, Household Economics, Shaping Communities, Healing and Dying Well.*

Three different meetings times, and all groups meet in the lounge.

Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15

Thursday mornings, 10am: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16

Sunday mornings, 9:30 am: April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19

There are still copies of the book, *Practicing Our Faith*, edited by Dorothy Bass, available. (Books are free; study participants may make an optional donation toward the cost of the books if they wish.)

Just when you thought the snow would never melt, the *Sunday Afternoon Concert Series* will be a veritable paean to Spring in its 12th annual Spring Concert on Sunday, April 21 at 4pm in the sanctuary. The concert will present a bouquet of musical tributes to Spring, from the Baroque to contemporary favorites. This popular annual concert will feature professional soloists, the Concertino NY professional ensemble drawn from Juilliard and Yale schools of music, an internationally acclaimed oboist, and of course our choir and handbells all under the direction of Simona Frenkel. The concert will feature music in a colorful juxtaposition of styles and languages; from madrigals to classical composers such as Handel, Bach, and Haydn as well as contemporary favorites drawn from Hollywood, Broadway and Jazz favorites. Don't miss this celebration of joyful renewal! A reception will follow the concert.

The First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown Concert Series
presents

Finally, Spring!

The Music of Spring from the Baroque to the Contemporary.
Featuring Concertino NY, Instrumental Ensemble from Juilliard and Yale,
Professional Soloists, Concert Choir and Hand Bells.
Simona Frenkel, Director

Sunday, April 21st
at 4:00pm

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Reception in Fellowship Hall following the Performance.
Suggested donation is \$20.00

FPCY Home Coming Weekend

The weekend of June 1st/2nd will be the first FPC Home Coming Weekend, to invite members who have moved away or who have not been around to come back to Yorktown for a reunion weekend with their church family. An inter-commission organizing group is forming to help identify members who have moved away, youth who might be home from college, and others whom we haven't seen in a

long time. Plans for the weekend include the Progressive Dinner on Saturday night, and a single worship service on Sunday, celebrating our church family. Past members of the choir and/or handbells will be invited to join in the music program on Sunday. Can you help? There is no church data base to identify former members and their current whereabouts. What is

needed are names and addresses of members who have moved away, youth, friends that may still live nearby that you miss. A sign up list to assist with the weekend, or to provide names/addresses will be available in the Gathering Space. For more information or questions, please contact Kim in the office, Cheryl Lodewick, Christie Herman, Ruth Deemer or Judy Chessa.

What's Happening at YPP



Happy Easter! Happy Spring! YPP looks forward to celebrating the season by learning about the egg to chick cycle. We will begin incubation of 10 eggs on April 10.....our chicks should arrive in May!

We will continue to learn about the people in our neighborhood this month with a trip to the fire department!

We are still registering for the 2013-2014 school year! Spread the word!

The preschool can always use baby food jars! Please leave any donations by the classroom doors. Thanks!

They say the most amazing things:

Overheard at snack at our Easter celebration:

Ava:

"My grandmother is coming on Sunday for Easter."

Timmy:

"Wow..... Jesus is coming for Easter, too!"





Volunteers needed to provide meals for our neighbors in Peekskill

Jan Peek Meal

Jan Peek House in Peekskill is a shelter for 19 homeless men and women, run by Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill (CHOP). On the 4th Saturday of each month, we provide dinner at the Jan Peek House. It is rewarding to share food and conversation with the residents, and it is an important part of our congregation's ministry to the community. If you have never done this before, we'll pair you with someone who has so you can see how it works. New volunteers always welcome. Call Bud Coccodrilli (245-6475) to talk about it. April 27 will be the Marsh family & Diane Hawlk. Thank you to the Gilbert/Clark families for the March dinner. If you can volunteer for future months, please give Bud a call.

Thank you to all who contributed to the successful Midnight Run on March 10. The work started at noon when the

MidnightRun.org

Midnight Run is a volunteer organization dedicated to finding common ground between the housed and the homeless.

Youth Group began assembling bag lunches. Over the next three hours we built stacks of hearty turkey and ham sandwiches, baked trays of chocolate chip cookies and put everything together to make 104 lunches! Each bag featured hand-drawn designs and pictures to give a personal touch.

Our Midnight Run team arrived at church at 5:30 to load the van with everything from winter coats, sweaters, shirts, pants, socks, underwear, scarves & hats to the toiletry kits assembled by the middle school class and the lunches made that afternoon. Finally, essential components on a cold night, giant urns of hot soup

and coffee, prepared by the church school classes and Bud & Gloria Coccodrilli, were loaded.

At last we were off! As we arrived at our first few stops with small groups of people, we began to worry that the early hour (particularly with the time change), had thrown people off. "Are we in the wrong place?" "Is it the wrong time?" "Maybe it's a good sign- that there's less homeless in New York." Unfortunately, we learned that this was not the case as we arrived at our last stop: St Bart's Episcopal Church on Park Avenue.

Dozens of homeless people slept, talked, or wandered near the front of this landmark. By day, this strip of sidewalk across the street from the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel would have been packed with well-dressed Manhattanites, businessmen, wealthy shoppers,

Noontime Meal

The next Noontime Meal will be prepared in the Peekskill Presbyterian Church kitchen on April 9 at 2:30pm. The meal (trees and leaves, as the clients have named it) will be served the next day, Wed., April 10, at the Peekskill Salvation Army. Want to know more about the Noontime Meal Program? Call Ken Sherman (914-737-8294).

and tourists, but at night it was crowded with a different society all together. Luckily, we had a van full of clothing, food, and supplies to give.

We stayed well past the time when we had meant to head home, making sure that everyone had all that they needed. Despite the size of the crowd and their desperate living situation, there were no fights and no arguments- no pushing, or shoving, or raised voices. People stood back and waited their turn, and we kept busy serving food and searching for the items they needed.

Our Sabbath may not have been restful, but on the ride home, as our energetic discussions gave way to sleepy exhaustion, I couldn't help but feel closer to God than ever.

~ Kelly Humphrey

The Ministry of our Deacons

The winter has lasted longer than expected, and we are anxiously awaiting spring's crocuses in this Easter season!

We have been carrying the little brown box to church every Sunday, and reflecting on the practices that we have been given each week. I must admit to not "wearing" the box (not sure what my students would make of that), but I am trying to **be** the box and to practice what is **in** the box. If the practices become part of me, perhaps I will better be able to accept all of what being a Deacon entails. If we all

"practice", think of all the good we can practice in the greater community.

If our greater community is hungry, we will give them food through the Food Pantry. The food item of the month is: **hearty soups**. If you are a BJ's member, and do not have a baby at home you are diapering, please clip and pass on your Luv's coupons. You may put them in the offering plate, give them to a Deacon, or put them in an envelope and place them in the basket next to our bulletin board. Diapers of any kind and

size as well as wipes are always welcome and will add to what we buy. They are an expensive addition, but desperately needed, and gratefully accepted and appreciated by the Food Pantry clients.

Spring is here! Let us sing with joy!

Angelyn Forbes-Freeze
for the Deacons

Food Pantry "Item of the Month" SOUP

**Next Dates:
April 13 & 27
9 to 11 am**

We need volunteers to load bags from 8-9 am on the pantry days. We also need plastic bags, grocery size. (Bring to Room 2.)

Welcome New Members!

We were happy to welcome six new members into our church family on Sunday, March 18. A special thank you to Judy & John Chessa and Ruth Deemer for hosting such a delightful brunch.

We asked our new members to share a little about themselves to help us get to know them better.

Nancy Betz writes...

I have been attending this church since I was 10 years old, and joined when I was 14. I am married for almost 52 years with three sons, two daughter-in-laws, and four grandchildren. Working and raising a family kept me away from church for a while, but now being a part of the church seems like coming back to a "family." I find peace after attending. I retired after 24 years of being a Lakeland School secretary. Now I watch my younger grandchildren during the week, and this keeps me busy. Thank you to the congregation for such a warm welcome.

Jessica Mayes writes...

I recently moved to Crompond with my family (husband Rob, 2-year-old daughter Veronica, a baby boy due on March 31, two cats and a goldfish). I'm originally from South Carolina, but mostly grew up in Bradenton, Florida (my husband was born and raised in Cortlandt Manor). I'm a real estate attorney in White Plains. I am a huge Florida Gators fan (especially football), and a Mets fan by marriage. I enjoy hiking/camping, reading British mystery novels, and am learning how to sew.

Andy and Kari Mavian write...

We are glad to finally be official church members. As for a quick bio on us... Well, the basics are we live in Peekskill, our two sons Erik and Alex are 11 and 9, respectively. My wife, Kari, is the bread maker in the family. She is a regulatory director for a Swiss-based chemical/pharmaceutical company. She was born in Queens, but spent most of her youth in Virginia. Formerly, I was an environmental planning consultant, but for the past seven years I have been a stay at home

Dad. I also come from further south, but only slightly, as I am from Ossining. As a family, we enjoy many outdoor activities and look forward to the warm summer months.

Cathy and Dick Talbot write...

We moved to Chapel Hill in Peekskill in February of 2000 after 30 years in Hartsdale NY. We raised our daughters Victoria and Danise in Hartsdale. We are both retired and live with our dog Casey. Our family has grown and we have three grandchildren Kurt 14, Amanda 13 and Joe 9 years old. Cathy worked for 38 years for the Presbytery of Hudson River and Dick was in the diamond business.

We hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself to all of our new families and give them a chance to know you a better as we strengthen our connections to one another.

*Pam Darreff
for the Stewardship Commission*



New Members:

Nancy Betz

Kari & Andy Mavian

Jessica Mayes

Cathy & Dick Talbot

Youth Group Happenings - Come and Join Us!

March was an awesome month for the Youth Group! We had a great time at our first meeting on March 1, teaming up for a church-wide scavenger hunt, playing Wii games in the Youth Room and brainstorming ideas for future events. On March 10, we decorated and built over 100 bag lunches for the Midnight Run! Then, on March 15 we divided into teams for the Great Supermarket Challenge. Each team had thirty dollars and thirty minutes to buy as much food as they could at the local A&P. We learned about non-perishable food, finding healthy options, and budgeting and taught the store managers a thing or two about family and community service.

Coming up in April, we have three more events that promise to be even better! First, on Friday, April 12 at 6:30pm, we will be having another Youth Group Meeting, complete with new games, snacks, music, pizza, and Wii. Everyone is invited to bring friends, because at this meeting we'll be prepping for our Annual Sleep Out! Next, on Friday, April 19 at 4pm we will be building more lunches for the Midnight Run. If there are any youth members, 14 and older, who would like to join us on the run itself, please contact Kelly Humphrey at humphrey.kelly@gmail.com! Finally, on Friday, April 26 the Youth Group will meet at the church for the Sleep Out for Homeless Awareness. We'll be spending the

entire night outside in cardboard boxes to help raise money and awareness for the homeless!

In the midst of all these exciting events, another discussion is happening behind the scenes. Our Youth Group Design Team, made up of adults interested in planning the direction of our budding youth ministry, has been brainstorming on sustainability and we'd like to invite you to join us! On Sunday, April 7 at 6pm, we will be hosting a dinner discussion, open to the all, to talk about youth ministry.

For more information, please email Kelly Humphrey at humphrey.kelly@gmail.com.

**Adult
Chaperones
needed for
youth group
activities!
If you have
time to share
please let us
know!**



Ministries Around the Church

Prayer Shawl Ministry

supports our congregation as well as other groups and ministries nearby. If you crochet or knit and would like to join us, OR if you have any yarn or know of a source for yarn, we would be happy to get those donations. For information, call Marianna Sherman at 737-8294. We'll meet next on March 20 at 10:30, April 3 at 9:30 and April 17 at 10:30.

Knit Together

meet next on April 8 & 22 and May 13, 2013
We received a note from the nurses at the Dominican Sisters Family Health Services thanking us for the baby blankets and sweaters at Christmas. They were "delighted to take them to the new moms" whom they visited. These kind words keep us moving on our faith-in-action journey.

Many thanks to Christine Drysdale for her donation of children's hats and to Linda Teurlinakx for her yarn donation. Our meetings are held on 2nd and 4th Mondays, 10-11:30am, in Lounge 15. All who knit and crochet are welcome. Join us in the joy of creating and giving to others in the community. For information: Norean Radke (962-4370) or Lois Ostling (962-2809).

Please remember
in your prayers:

Marie Anderson
Peg Bertsch
Deanna Collins
Carol Cornish
Lisa Crockett
Bill Cunnington
Allan Damon
Betty Dexter
Natalie Dineen
Evelyn & Lynn Fischer
Michael Fitzell
Brian Froehlich
Melissa Gilbert
Phillip Gresh
Lisa Gunther
Mary Hamblen
Ken Hardy
Craig Hibben
Eleanor Hibben
Ruth Hickey
Marie Hodgkinson
Nellie Keller
Caryl Kerber
Bonnie Konnerth
Jim Kutter
Ruth Linehan
Jim Lunday
Florence Malcolmson
Janet Mazzaroppi
Dave Monk
Janet Nelson
Kyle Nelson
Sue Palicz
Dixie Robinson
Ruth Selman
Kim Sherman
Delia Siemers
Cameron Spence
Kathy Swenson
Cal Weber
Teddy Wilson
Kathryn Winget

New in the Church Library

Here are highlights of a few more new children's books:

Archbishop Desmond Tutu teaches a message of peace and hope in *God's Dream*. A series of scenes show toddlers sharing and playing together, but also arguing, fighting, and making peace. Portraits of multicultural youngsters reinforce the themes of love and inclusiveness, "making God's dream come true." (Blue spine label)

Douglas Wood, author of *Old Turtle*, has written *No One but You*. Beautifully illustrated, it is a moving reminder of each person's unique experiences and memories – a perfect gift to share with a child. (Green spine label)

The Secret of Saying Thanks is also by Douglas Wood. It offers a spiritual homage to nature, home, and family. The stunning illustrations demonstrate ways in which to say thanks for the wonders we sometimes take for granted. Inspirational for adults as well as children! (Green spine label)

Carol Jensen, Church Librarian

Senior Lunch Bunch

Senior Lunch Bunch will meet for a Pot Luck Lunch Wednesday April 17th at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. All are asked to bring a dish to share.

In May we will be going to Little Sorrentos for lunch. Watch for a sign-up sheet and more information soon!

Pat and John Prauda, Coordinators

A Glimpse Of the Past

Provided by Dick Hunter, Church Historian

Over the next few issues, Dick will give us some information about pastors who have served at FPCY.

The sixth pastor was the Rev. Robert G. Thompson. Mr. Thompson was born near Blairville, PA, October 22, 1806; graduated from Jefferson College in 1830, studied theology at Princeton, and was ordained by the Presbytery of Philadelphia October 17, 1833. He preached at Poundridge for two years. In the spring of 1835 he became the agent of the Western Foreign Missionary Society in the synods of Albany and New York and New Jersey, and May 18, 1836 was installed pastor of this church. He is said to have been an earnest Christian worker. His sermons were practical rather than doctrinal. During his pastorate the present church edifice was erected. "When I became

pastor of the church," he writes, "the old house of worship was still standing. It was an exceedingly old and unsightly object. Just enough of yellow ochre was visible to show that it had been once painted. The architecture, pulpit, and seats were all in the old New England style without paint and of the most common workmanship and material. It was felt that a new and more modern building was a necessity to the comfort and prosperity of the congregation. The old one had answered its day, and though hallowed in the memory of the old members, it must now give way to another more in accordance with modern ideas of taste and convenience." The work was undertaken in the spring of 1839, and the new edifice was dedicated to the worship of God January 9, 1840.

Sunday Morning...Hands-On Helping!

COFFEE HOUR volunteers always welcome! Something new for 2013: Please bring something sweet or savory to share on the first Sunday of each month to enhance our fellowship time after the Lord's Supper! We'll still provide coffee...but we hope that this might give everyone a few more minutes of fellowship time after church.

All are welcome!

Pat Prauda and Ellen de Jong
for Congregational Life Commission

USHERING is a very important part of the worship service on Sunday mornings. Ushers are needed each week. At FPCY, it is the tradition that the first Sunday is done by our Elders and Deacons, and they also serve Communion. If you would like to help on any other Sunday, please sign up in the book at the bottom of the ramp leading to the Fellowship Hall or call Terri Froehlich at 528-0811 if you can serve at 8:30am or Pat Prauda if you can serve at 10:45am. If you haven't done it before but would like to, we will walk you through it and make sure you will be with someone who has served before. Families are welcome! (To see a list of what Ushers do, please visit our website, click on Resources, Policies & Procedures, and then "Usher Commandments")



Upkeep and Maintenance: Operations Commission

I am sure everyone is looking forward to Spring --- by that I mean the weather -- not the vernal equinox. Winter seems to be determined to hang on this year rather tenaciously. Despite this, we are beginning to make our plans for the arrival of warm weather.

Spring Clean-up:

The date reserved for **Spring Clean-up** is **May 18th** with a rain date of June 1st. Now would be a great time to mark your calendars for this traditional event. We not only get a lot of work done, but gather in community and camaraderie. We will have "lite" & heavy duty jobs, inside and outside work, clean-hands and dirty hands chores and, as always, a great lunch. Please don't miss out.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a "fun work time"!

Improvements:

Our program of improvements is on-going. New progress has been made in the following areas:
- The Nursery is now completely redone with painting throughout.

- Painting of the coat closet which is near the Nursery.
 - All of our offering plates have been refinished and look great due to the efforts of Jose.
 - We offer a very big thank you to SavATree of Bedford for recent work they did at the church and in the East Yard Cemetery. They kindly donated the use of their bucket truck for the work that was done. We are very grateful for this generosity.
- New projects** include refinishing the outside South Entrance near room 1, and refinishing the greeting table which is located in the Narthex.

Maintenance:

We have had a problem with raccoons which are visiting the grounds during the daylight hours which is very unusual. One has been trapped and another got away before we could get the proper people on sight. Raccoons can be dangerous. If you see one, please let one of the staff members know so that

they can call the right people to try to trap the animal. Please do not try to feed such an animal.

The propane water heater has been repaired and we have good hot water once again throughout the facility. A faucet which was leaking has been replaced in a preschool bathroom. A leaky faucet in the bathroom near the office has been repaired as well.

Our goal is to keep our facilities and grounds in first-class condition. If you see something that needs repair or improvement, please do not hesitate to bring it to the attention of the Operations Commission. You may contact any member of the Commission or me.

Thanks to all for helping us to keep things in good shape and for volunteering when we call for assistance. Everyone's effort is very much appreciated! **Think spring and think about our upcoming Spring Clean-up.**

Thanks!
Dick Seymour, Chair of Operations

Save the

Date!

Spring

Clean-Up

May 18

Stop by the
Amnesty
International
table on the
second Sunday
of each month
to sign letters as
we work together
to seek peace and
justice in the
world.

Mother's Day Project

A joint program of PCUSA World Mission and Presbyterian Women, the Mother's Day Project is a simple and meaningful mission activity that Presbyterians have supported since 2001. This year the program is being broadened from a prior focus on poor African countries to

include other countries around the world where Presbyterians work with partner churches helping families struggling in poverty. The program is also transitioning from a focus on health services to include initiatives to empower women and children such as literacy training,

primary and secondary education, non-formal education and women's leadership development. Mother's Day is May 12 and cards will be made available for two Sundays prior to that. Watch for a table set up in the Gathering Space.

~ Marsha Henderson

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